

August 4, 2015
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Hepfer
Vice President Ryan
Councilwoman Bega
Councilman McBride
Councilman Hinkle
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Haag, Community Development Director Day, Project Director Malm, Finance Director Chiodo, Event Director Skeelee-Hogan and City Clerk Davis.

The Invocation was given Councilman McBride and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motioned carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

6)a) Insight Bank – Sponsorship Check Presentation – Sharon Skeelee-Hogan, Special Events Director introduced one of the City's Event Sponsor, Insight Credit Union and representatives who were present this evening. Insight Credit Union presented a check in the amount of \$7,500 for this year's Event Partnership. She noted that this is the third year of Sponsorship, making a total of \$22,500 contributed supporting Inverness Events, which we're very thankful.

MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Bega motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 07/21/15*
 - Recommendation – Approval

Attorney Jeannette Haag was dismissed from the meeting, due to her husband's surgery which took place this date.

President Hepfer referenced the recent Ethics complaint, noting that she had received a letter from the Ethics Commission, which stated that there is no conflict.

MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) – Resolution - City Manager DiGiovanni explained the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that all organizations (Governmental, tribal and not-for-profit) have an approved local mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR 201.6 prior to receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. This plan is a revision of the initial Citrus County Local Mitigation Strategy which was approved in 2000, with updates in 2002 & 2010. This document (LMS) provides a framework for the identification and coordination of hazard mitigation projects developed in Citrus County and with other plans, especially those developed by Regional, State and Federal agencies. The enclosed Resolution is the enabling instrument that must be adopted by City Council to affirm the City's agreement and commitment to the plan's 5 year update.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to have City Clerk Davis read Resolution 2015-09 by title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA 2015 LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-09, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilman Ryan. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman Ryan, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried.

10)b) Law Enforcement Service Contract - City Manager DiGiovanni noted that included in the agenda were two agreements, with one for law enforcement services and the other for School Crossing. The Sheriff provides a full complement of law enforcement services and provides the service to manage recognized school crossings for student when schools are open. The cost for School Crossing policing is \$ \$16,426, and for law enforcement services is \$764,409. The total program cost for next fiscal year is \$780,835, an increase of 2.25% that is mostly for personnel pay increases. The ensuing budget is built to support this program and related costs.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to support and accept the agreement with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services through September 30, 2016, and authorize that the Council President execute the document. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

10)c) Insurance Renewal (Health, Dental, Vision) – City Manager DiGiovanni explained that the City provides a benefit program in three part that consists of Major Medical to include prescription drugs; Vision, and Dental, which is currently limited to full-time employees, the program for FY 2015-16 represents a 10.3% increase (\$39,100) for the year. Renewal proposals for Life Insurance, Vision and Dental are additionally included and represent no cost increase or change. The ensuing year budget has been developed to include this cost change to support the same benefit levels.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to renew the Medical, Life Insurance Plans and Prescription Drug Program, with Public Risk Management recognizing a 10.3% change, and also renew the vision and dental programs to maintain benefit consistency, and authorize the City Manager to execute a renewal option letter with the parties for the 2015-16 benefit year. Seconded by Councilman Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

10)d) Leeson's Trailer Park – MOU - City Manager DiGiovanni noted that discussions were held with the owner of Leeson's Mobile Home Park with regard to plans for the pending Zephyr Street project and encroachments by the Park's units, and they welcome the improvements. The enclosed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed by the parties and structured to cause correction to the encroachments in a reasonable manner that is not financially burdensome to the Park. Also addressed was drainage, and an easement through the park that was enacted in the 1950's, which will no longer be necessary when the project is completed. The major component of the MOU involves replacement of existing mobile home units, with the City permitting replacement of up to 10 mobile units within one (1) calendar year from the date of this Agreement without the requirement of any further approval by the City. City Attorney Haag reviewed this document and finds it acceptable for consideration by City Council.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to accept the terms and conditions of the MOU between the City of Inverness and Leeson's Mobile Home Park, and authorize the Council President to execute the document after it is signed by the representative owner of Leeson's. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motion carried unanimously.

10)e) Highland Blvd Project (Verbal) City Manager presented to Council a power point of the future Highland Blvd Project, and advised how this will involve a section of Highland Blvd., beginning at N Apopka and running to S. Line Street, with three segmented road separations. (41/44 to Apopka / Apopka to Line/ Highland Blvd Extension to Montgomery) He provided history noting how Highland Blvd was a two lane road until 1989/90, when DOT transformed the two lane highway (41/44) through downtown to what you see today. Highland became a four lane road to provide relief to the main Hwy, and allowing more traffic on Highland Blvd. He noted that once the project concluded, Highland Blvd remained four lanes. He spoke to the master

planning we are commencing in anticipation of HCA being here. We want HCA to understand that we take their value and impact to the City very seriously which is the medical community of Citrus County. As HCA develops its footprint and the Trauma Center comes into play, it will bring numerous surgeons, RN's, etc. which will require housing, with employees wanting to walk or ride to work. Highland Blvd is going to be an important roadway taking you into the Medical area.

He noted how they looked at the three segments of Highland and the purposes of each segment, which were different (Business, Medical & Residential, and Schools). We are looking to make Highland Blvd one lane vs two lanes in either direction and bring elements into this area, such as sidewalks, bike lanes and make use of median for turn lanes at several locations, storm water, and buffers. He spoke to Bio Retention Swales, crosswalks at intersections and directional markings on the road. This road would be greatly enhanced, safe, provide accessibility for pedestrian and cyclists, and it will bring forward the dynamic that Inverness is about. The plans are not final and we wanted to make sure this a clear disclosure to council and the public. He noted the affected people (residents/businesses) will be educated on what will be taking place.

Councilman McBride spoke to this project being in progress for some time and questioned where we will get the money to do this? City Manager DiGiovanni stated that we anticipate DOT will support this, impact fees will be used, and the CRA will support this project. The CRA is moving this in a very positive manner. Councilman McBride stated that this project was in the conceptual phase long before the CRA, that was recently passed, and how we are improving the welfare of the City and County.

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- He noted Quality Cities Magazine's yearly FLC Conference edition, and the one page ad displayed of the City of Inverness.
- Unfortunately the Parrot Heads (Event) did not fly on Saturday, due to weather conditions.
- This week will be the first meeting with volunteer representatives of the Valerie Theatre 501 3C. He and staff will be there and they look forward to spirited conversations. We have a great team in place, and it will be dynamic and successful.
- He met with the City Manager of Brooksville last week and discussed the four city lineage of the rails to trails, phosphate heritage, and the fact Dunnellon, Floral City, Inverness, and Brooksville are linked historically and with bicycling. We are genuine small town Florida, and we are building the bridges of working together of a marketing campaign on these things.
- Had an excellent meeting with the Sheriff, Fire Chief, and support staff. A very cooperative conversation ensued regarding equipment, the Inverness fire station, interlocal agreements, relocation, etc. We will make this work by working together on calls, procurement of equipment, training, etc. Kudos to Sheriff Dawsy who set a very positive tone. Much work is continuing regarding job descriptions, standards and guidelines for a fire department, and met with Nature Coast EMS. Inverness committed to fund the Sheriff's Office on a month-to-month or quarterly basis.

- We will be developing an Inter-Agency Agreement for Mutual Aid with Dunnellon and Citrus Co./Sheriff's Office. We are owners of a fire truck unit that is fully equipped, at an incredible price and has less than 10,000 miles.
- City Budget is being finalized with hopes to have it available by the end of the week. The budget will be presented next Tuesday, Aug 11th at 5:30pm.
- City Manager noted that Commissioner Carnahan was in the audience and how he reached out in our favor regarding the land swap for the potential business park. We have been waiting since 1999 for the County to do something with the Business Park and hopes this will stimulate action.
- The ribbon cutting to light the Cooter Pond and the boardwalk is in progress for early September.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilman McBride was glad to hear of the positive meeting with Sheriff Dawsey and the Sheriff's Office. Looking forward to the budget workshop and the FLC conference.

Mayor Plaisted thanked Paul Adams of Woodard & Curran for being here this evening and all he does regarding our wastewater treatment facility. He complimented the potential Highland Blvd. design.

Councilman Ryan regretted the Parrot Head concert was a bit of a bust with several people coming from out of town. Commended the young lady who put together a peace rally to express equality and togetherness in Inverness and Citrus County. New project on Highland Blvd. looks great for the school children.

Councilwoman Bega stated the two projects are exciting, especially the Highland Blvd. Project. Praised the renewal of the Sheriff Dept. agreement, and noted the planning of her 40th High School Reunion.

Councilman Hinkle spoke positively to the Highland Blvd. project and how it will enhance the entire community. We do all we can to speak to the future. He spoke of the FLC conference as an opportunity to shine, and nice to see we are on the leading edge as a pilot community for the entire state. The partnership idea with the other 3 cities is a great idea to enhance the entire county. He noted how the local rowing team is competing internationally. The Citrus Co. Charitable Foundation will have a signed no compete contract to acquire funding to move forward. No grants will be funded until December 2016.

Council President Hepfer stated she agreed with everything that has been mentioned and is looking forward to the Highland Blvd Project and the improvements it will create.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

The meeting adjourned at **6:56pm.**

City Clerk

Council President